

NAC 656.200 Fees for issuance or renewal of certificate *or license*.

1. The following fees must *be fixed by the Board annually and must* be paid:

(a) *For filing an application for an examination to become a certified court reporter, a fee of not less than \$150 and not more than \$750.*

~~1.(b)~~ For the original issuance of a certificate *as a certified court reporter*,.....~~\$200~~ *a fee of not less than \$250 and not more than \$750.*

~~2.(c)~~ For the annual renewal of a certificate *as a certified court reporter*,.....~~\$200~~ *a fee of not less than \$250 and not more than \$750.*

(d) *For the renewal of a certificate as a certified court reporter which was suspended for failure to renew, all unpaid renewal fees accrued plus a reinstatement fee of not less than \$125 and not more than \$750.*

(e) *For filing an application for an examination to become a designated representative of a court reporting firm, a fee of not less than \$250 and not more than \$750.*

(f) *For the original issuance of a license as a court reporting firm, a fee of not less than \$250 and not more than \$750.*

(g) *For the annual renewal of a license as a court reporting firm, a fee of not less than \$175 and not more than \$750.*

(h) *For the renewal of a license as a court reporting firm which was suspended for failure to renew, all unpaid renewal fees accrued plus a reinstatement fee of not less than \$175 and not more than \$750.*

NOTES TO COMMITTEE AND BOARD FROM CHAIR LABORDE:

Based on NRS 656.220(4) as passed in SB 191, the Board may annually increase or decrease a fee to an amount that is not less than 90 percent and not more than 125 percent of the current fee. The initial fees listed in the proposed new language in NAC 656.200 as the “not less than” amount comply with NRS 656.220(3) as passed in SB 191.

I also suggest that the Board not continue to offer a 45-day grace period for the payment of certificate and license renewal fees. NRS 656.220((1)(d) states, “Every holder of a certificate desiring renewal must pay the annual renewal fee to the Board on or before May 15 of each year.” NRS 656.187(1) states, “A license as a court reporting firm expires on June 30 of each year and may be renewed if, before that date, the licensee submits to the Board ...”

Eliminating the grace period would make it simpler for our Executive Secretary and streamline the administrative process for renewals. During the last renewal period, 89 certificate holders did not renew on time. Many people then called requesting an extension on the extension. I believe having a clear deadline as prescribed by NRS is preferable.

Another suggestion is that the certificates that are currently mailed to certificate holders could be emailed rather than mailed, which would save time and postage.